AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

automatically detecting an object to be scanned by a scanner associated with an Internet receiver;

scanning the object to produce an image of the object;

automatically acquiring said image in electronic format;

performing, by the Internet receiver, at least one function with said image in said electronic format; and

acquiring a final scan by the scanner of said image after performing said at least one function.

2. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein performing said at least one function comprises automatically performing at least one pre-selected function.

3. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising manually selecting said at least one function.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein performing said at least one function comprises performing at least one of the following functions: editing said image in said electronic format, displaying said image in said electronic format, and transmitting said image in said electronic format over a network.

6. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

an Internet receiver;

a scanner linked to said Internet receiver, said scanner to scan an object and to produce an image of the scanned object in electronic format, wherein the Internet receiver comprises a bay in which the scanner is insertable by a user;

a control module for said Internet receiver, comprising:

computer readable storage media;

computer readable program code stored on said computer readable storage media, comprising:

program code for receiving said image in said electronic format from said scanner; and

program code for performing at least one function with said image in said electronic format via said Internet receiver.

7. (Original) A system as in claim 6, wherein said scanner is linked to said Internet receiver via a unidirectional link.

8. (Original) A system as in claim 6, wherein said scanner is linked to said Internet receiver via a bi-directional link.

9. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for automatically setting-up said scanner for operation via said Internet receiver.

12. (Original) A system as in claim 6, wherein at least part of said computer readable program code is downloaded to said Internet receiver from a network site on an as-needed basis.

13. (Original) A system as in claim 6, wherein said computer readable program code resides at least in part at a network site to conserve memory at said Internet receiver.

14. (Original) A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for pre-selecting said at least one function.

15. (Original) A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for receiving a manual selection of said at least one function after said image is detected.

16. (Original) A system as in claim 6, wherein said program code for performing said at least one function comprises program code for performing at least one of the following functions: editing said image in said electronic format, displaying said image in said electronic format, and transmitting said image in said electronic format over a network.

17. (Original) A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for acquiring a final scan of said image after said at least one function is performed.

18. (Original) A system as in claim 6, further comprising a maintenance component comprising program code for configuring said control module.

19. – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein performing the at least one function comprises editing the image.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 21, wherein editing the image comprises re-touching the image.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein scanning the object comprises scanning a photograph, the produced image comprising an image of the photograph.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein automatically detecting the object comprises automatically detecting the object with at least one of a mechanical switch and a photo sensor.

25. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising presenting, in a user interface of the Internet receiver, options to perform one of manual configuration and automatic configuration of the scanner.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising receiving, in a user interface of the Internet receiver, at least one of: an identifier of a website, personal information of a user, a setting to indicate that the image is to be e-mailed, and a setting that the image is to be transmitted to a web page.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 6, wherein the Internet receiver comprises a drawer slidably arranged in the Internet receiver so that the drawer is slidable outwardly from the Internet receiver to receive the scanner.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 6, wherein the object comprises a photograph, and the image comprises a scanned image of the photograph.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 29, wherein the Internet receiver comprises a user interface to enable editing of the image of the photograph.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a set-top device for use with a television;

an Internet receiver in the set-top device;

a scanner ~~received~~ physically installed in the set-top device, the scanner to scan an object and to produce an image of the object; and

a user interface provided by the Internet receiver to enable user selection of a setting for communicating the image over a network, the Internet receiver to enable transmission of the image without using a computer to transmit the image.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 31, wherein the user interface enables user selection of a setting to e-mail the image.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 31, wherein the user interface enables user selection of a setting to communicate the image to a web page.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 31, wherein user interface enables the editing of the image.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as in claim 34, wherein the object comprises a photograph, and wherein the user interface enables editing of an image of the photograph.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the set-top device has a bay to receive the scanner.